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SUBJECT:PERUVIAN CONGRATULATIONS TO VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS

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1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING PROTEST
TO GOP REGARDING ITS TRANSMISSION OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ON OCCASION OF THEIR VICTORY
IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NOTES
WITH DISPLEASURE THE APRIL 30 STATEMENT OF
PRESIDENT JUAN VELASCO, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU, WARMLY CONGRATULATING THE
VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ON THEIR CONQUEST OF SOUTH
VIETNAM AND LABELLING IT A VICTORY OVER "IMPERIALISM".
IT IS PUZZLING TO US HOW THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU COULD
REJOICE IN THE MILITARY CONQUEST OF A FREE NON-COMMUNIST
STATE BY THE ARMED FORCES OF NORTH VIETNAM IN COMPLETE
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CONTRAVENTION OF THE TERMS OF THE 1973 PARIS AGREEMENTS.

3. AS IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTION, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT IT ENDORSES THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES AND METHODS, EITHER IN THEIR OWN RIGHT OR BECAUSE THEY BROUGHT ABOUT THE

DEFEAT OF A SMALL NATION BEFRIENDED BY THE UNITED STATES.

4. WE NOTE THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT VELASCO ON THIS SUBJECT ARE MANIFESTLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU'S PROFESSED ADHERENCE TO A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. THUS WE PROTEST PRESIDENT VELASCO'S INTEMPERATE AND INAPPROPRIATE REMARKS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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